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Title: **METHOD OF FORMING STRAINED SILICON MATERIALS WITH  
IMPROVED THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY**

**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a Final Office Action mailed September 15, 2006 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to this September 15, 2006 Final Office Action is due by December 15, 2006. Therefore, this response is being timely filed.

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